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SUBJECT: WFP EMERGENCY (EMOP) FOR NIGERIAN REFUGEES IN CAMEROON

1. IN DECEMBER 2001 AND JANUARY 2002, CONFLICTS OVER PASTURELANDS LED TO THE DISPLACEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM THE TARABA STATE OF NIGERIA, WHO SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE NORTH WEST AND ADAMAOUA PROVINCES OF CAMEROON.

2. BY THE END OF 2002, MUCH OF THE LIVESTOCK OF THE REFUGEES HAD BEEN LOST OR SOLD, AND IN FEBRUARY 2003, A JOINT WFP, UNHCR, AND GOVERNMENT OF CAMEROON FOOD AND NON-FOOD NEEDS ASSESSMENT MISSION NOTED A DETERIORATION IN THEIR FOOD SITUATION AND DETERMINED THAT EMERGENCY, SHORT-TERM FOOD AID IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

3. WFP'S APPEAL FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD FROM 15 AUGUST 2003 TO 14 FEBRUARY 2004 IS ESTIMATED AT U.S. DOLLARS (USD) 798,021, WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION BY UNHCR AND THE CAMEROONIAN RED CROSS OF ABOUT 1,150 METRIC TONS OF FOOD DURING THE LEAN SEASON TO ABOUT 17,000 REFUGEES, INCLUDING ALMOST 4,000 CHILDREN AND PREGNANT AND NURSING WOMEN.

4. A DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVENTION AND RESOURCE UPDATE IS FOUND ON THE WFP WEBSITE. HALL

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